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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

DINH T. LE

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The specification has been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. However, the applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

The specification is objected to because it does not have the headings, i.e., "Summary of Invention". Correction is required,

Claim Objection

Claims 1 and 8-9 are objected to in because they do not recite clearly the preamble and the body. Correction is required.

Claim Rejections

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Correction or clarification is required.

In claim1, it is not understood how the polyphase filter can be "characterized" on line 2 and how the two filters can be coupled to the integrators. The same is true for claims 8-9

In claim 2, the recitation "integrator" and "previous integrator"" is confusing because it is unclear if this is additional "integrator" or further recitation of the previously claimed

“integrators” on line 2 of claim 1. The same is true for reciting “integrator” in claims 3-4 and 7-8, “amplifier” and “filter” in claim 5, and “passive element” and “capacitor” in claim 6.

In claim 7, it is unclear what the “at least one signal inversion” is and how the signal can be “inverted” and where the signal comes from.

In claim 8, it is unclear how the integrator can be “used” on line 1.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Molnar et al (US 6,388,543) in view of Mouchavar et al (US 6,009,349).

As the best construed, Molnar et al discloses in Figure 4 a filter circuit comprising a plurality of filters ((C, R) having capacitors (C) for filtering signals (Vi1, Vi2) but does not disclose the integrators for integrating the filtered signals. Mouchava et al suggesting placing an integrator (156) after a filter (154) in Figures 1-2 for integrating the filtered output signal from the filter (154) to extract data and provide gain, see lines 14-32, column 8. It would have been obvious to a person having skill in the art at the time the invention was made to place an integrator after each filter for the purpose of integrating the filtered output signals to extract data and provide gain.

With regard to claims 2-3, the recitation "conductance element" is read on the capacitor (C) of Molnar et al.

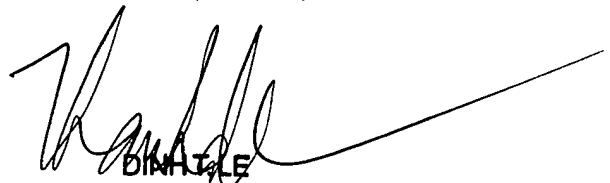
With regard to claims 4-5, the integrator (156) comprising a capacitor (223) and an amplifier (217) as shown in Figure 2 of Mouchavar et al.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DINH T. LE whose telephone number is (571) 272-1745. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8AM-7PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, TIMOTHY CALLAHAN can be reached at (571) 272-1740.

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